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## THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Acting National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: DIA Proposed IIM on Soviet Interference with US Space Systems

1. Attachment 1 responds to a request from [ ] Vice Director for Foreign Intelligence, DIA for an update of two IIMs on Soviet interference with US space systems. The reply was prepared for your signature rather than John McMahon's in view of the resubordination of the NIC. [ ] 25X1

2. In our meeting with [ ] it was clear that DIA did not have a clear idea about the audience for the proposed IIM. As you may know, NIEs and IIMs have recognized the significance the Soviets attach to electronic warfare and the magnitude of their efforts in this field, but they have not provided much help to the designers of ECM and ECCM strategy, equipment and operational techniques. US planning in the field of electronic warfare involves a constant and direct interaction between specialized technical intelligence elements of the Intelligence Community and military research and development organizations and operating commands. [ ] 25X1

3. I doubt that a national intelligence assessment can do more than call attention of policymakers and members of Congress to the nature and magnitude of the threat. In any case, if the paper envisioned by DIA proves to be suitable as a national intelligence product, I propose that we respond favorably to the DIA request. [ ] 25X1

4. The attached memorandum has been coordinated with the Director, OSWR. [ ] 25X1

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